

HOUSE BILL 1860

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 32 and Title 56, Chapter 7, relative to appeal and review of health insurance entity coverage, funding and operation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 56-7-111 and 56-7-112, are amended by redesignating the sections as § 56-7-112 and § 56-7-113 respectively.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 1, is amended by adding the following new section thereto:

56-7-111.

(a) Health insurance entities shall establish both internal and external grievance and appeals processes to permit review of coverage and payment determinations.

(b) Internal and external grievance and appeals processes shall be consistent with but no more stringent or comprehensive than the processes required of health insurance entities in providing coverage and payment determinations pursuant to the rules and regulations governing health insurance entity plan administration under the federal Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA).

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 56-32-126(a), is amended by deleting the language “§ 56-7-105” and substituting instead the language “§ 56-7-109.”

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect January 1, 2012, the public welfare requiring it.